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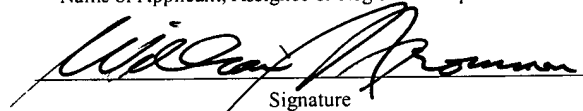
Applicants : William FORD et al  
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For : PROCESS FOR IMMOBILIZATION OF NUCLEIC  
ACID MOLECULES ON A SUBSTRATE  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2002, wherein  
restriction was required as follows:

Group I claims 1-12, directed to a process for immobilizing nucleic acid  
molecules on a substrate;

Group II claim 13, directed to the immobilized nucleic acid produced by the process of claim 1; and

Group III claim 14, directed to the use of the immobilized nucleic acid to produce nanoelectronic elements.

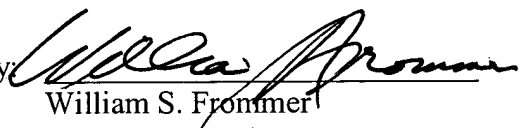
Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group I claims 1-12 for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve their right to file divisional applications to re-present nonelected claims 13 and 14.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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